

Take Story Time Home!

There are many benefits to singing and rhyming with your baby—both at story time and at home. These build language skills, the first steps in getting your baby ready to read. Action rhymes also help with building fine motor skills—essential in development. Plus, singing, talking with baby, and playing are fun and help you both bond! Here we've put together some of our favorite rhymes, lap bounces, and songs from Mother Goose Story Time.



I Am Special (Opening song for all story times.
Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques.")

I am special, I am special

You can see, you can see

Someone very special, someone very special

That is me, that is me

Story Time Schedule

Babies (birth-18 months)

Weds & Thurs, 10 am

Toddlers (18 months-2 years)

Weds & Thurs, 10:30 am

Preschoolers (3-6 years)

Weds & Thurs, 11:30 am

All Ages

Saturdays, 11 am


French language story time (all ages)

1st Friday of month, 10:30 am



Favorite Songs and Rhymes from Baby Story Time!



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Rhymes and Lap Bounces

This is Big

This is big, big, big (Hold arms wide)

This is small, small, small (Hold hands close together)

This is short, short, short (Turn hands, holding close together)

This is tall, tall, tall (Hold one hand high above head)

This is fast, fast, fast (Roll hands around quickly)

This is slow, slow, slow (Roll hands around slowly)

This is yes, yes, yes (Nod head)

This is no, no, no (Shake head)

Little Red Wagon

(Bounce baby on lap throughout)

Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon

Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon

Bouncing up and down in my little red wagon

Won't you be my darling (hug baby)

One wheel's off (tip one way) *and the axel's broken*

One wheel's off (tip other way) *and the axel's broken*

One wheel's off (tip other way) *and the axel's broken*

Won't you be my darling (hug baby)

Let's Go Riding in an Elevator

Let's go riding in an elevator (hold baby in front of you on lap)

First floor (start to lift baby up, raise up on each floor)

Second floor, third floor, fourth floor, fifth floor,

Dooooowwwwnn! (bring baby quickly back to lap)

Mother and Father and Uncle John

(Bounce baby on lap throughout)

Mother and Father and Uncle John

Went to town, one by one!

Mother fell off (lean over to one side)

And Father fell off (lean over to the other side)

But Uncle John went on and on and on and on!

Slowly, Slowly (On the slowly part, slowly move fingers up baby's arm and on quickly part, move fingers quickly and give a belly button tickle at the end.)

Slowly, very slowly, up the garden rail

Slowly, very slowly, creeps the little snail

Then quickly, very quickly, runs the little mouse

Quickly, very quickly, all around the house!

On My Toe There is a Flea (Tap on baby from toe to head and then head to toe.)

On my toe there is a flea, now he's climbing up on me

Past my tummy, past my nose

On my head where my hair grows

On my head there is a flea, now he's climbing down on me

Past my tummy, past my knee

On my toe, take that you flea! (tickle bottom of feet)



This Little Train

This little train ran up the track (trail fingers up baby's arm from fingers to shoulder)

It went choo, choo! (tap baby's nose)

And then it ran back (trail fingers down baby's arm)

The other little train rant up the track (trail fingers up baby's other arm from fingers to shoulder)

It went choo, choo! (tap baby's nose)

And then it ran back (trail fingers back down baby's arm).

Songs

Roll Your Hands (Sing to the tune of "Row Your Boat." Follow actions of song as singing.)

Roll, roll, roll your hands, fast as fast can be

Do it now, let me see, do it now with me

Clap, clap, clap your hands, loud as loud can be

Do it now, let me see, do it now with me

Tap, tap, tap your foot, soft as soft can be

Do it now, let me see, do it now with me

Here's Your Arm (Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques.")

Here's your arm, here's your arm

Watch it move, watch it move (wave baby's arm)

Wave it all around, wave it up and down

Watch it move, watch it move

(Second verse with leg—just change wave to move)

This is the Way the Baby Rides (Sing to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush." Have baby sitting on lap, and bounce baby faster with each verse.)

This is the way the baby rides, baby rides, baby rides,

This is the way the baby rides, so early in the morning

Next verse: sing "farmer" instead of "baby"

Next verse: sing "jockey" instead of "baby"

Did You Ever See a Baby? (Baby sits on lap throughout song; sway as you are singing)

Did you ever see a baby, a baby, a baby?

Did you ever see a baby go this way and that (rock from side to side)

Go this way and that way (forward and back)

And that way and this way (side to side)

Did you ever see a baby go this way and that? (forward and back)